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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 24

1. NYT (PAGE 1) DAVID BINDER REPORTS ACDA DIRECTOR IN HILL TESTIMONY DISCLOSED THAT U.S. AND SIX OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE USSR, TO DISCOURAGE THE SPREAD OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, HAD CONCLUDED A SECRET AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING NEW SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS ON EXPORTED NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

2. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) HARRY SCHWARTZ'S "MOSCOW'S LOST UTOPIA" SAYS AT TIME WHEN 25TH CONGRESS TO OPEN USEFUL TO LOOK AT FATE MOST AMBITIOUS SOVIET ECONOMIC PLAN -- KHRUSHCHEV'S 20 YEAR PLAN UNVEILED AT 22ND CONGRESS IN 1961 -- WHICH FAILED TO ACHIEVE GOALS, MANY OF WHICH THE CURRENT CONGRESS WILL ADOPT BUT WITH TOTALS IN MANY CASES 50 PER CENT LESS THAN ORIGINAL GOALS, AND CONCLUDES IF SOVIET ECONOMIC PLANNING CONTINUES TO PERFORM UNSATISFACTORILY THEN CAUSE MAY WELL BE IMPOSSIBILITY OF CENTRAL ECONOMIC PLANNING IN LARGE, MODERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY.

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3. WP (PAGE 12) PETER OSNOS REPORTS STABILITY IS KEYNOTE OF SOVIET CONGRESS.
4. WP (PAGE 12) BRIEF AP ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS FIVE LEADING MEMBERS DISSIDENT MOVEMENT RENEWED CALL FOR AMNESTY FOR IMPRISONED DISSIDENTS.
5. WP (OP-ED PAGE) JOE KRAFT'S "THE GHOST OF STALIN" SAYS WITH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS STALEMATED, PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE 25TH CONGRESS WILL BE TO WHAT EXTENT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP MODULATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY AND FOREIGN POLICY GAINS IN FAVOR OF FURTHER PROGRESS ON DETENTE.
6. SUN (PAGE 2) HAL PIPER REPORTS MOSCOW CITIZENS SPENT THEIR WEEKEND SPIFFING UP CAPITAL FOR 25TH CONGRESS -- AN EVENT OF "BRILLIANT INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE".
7. SUN (PAGE 2) HANK TREWHITT FROM BOGOTA SAYS SECRETARY HOOTED AT COMPLAINTS THAT NIXON HAD ATTACKED U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE IN PEKING.
8. STAR (PAGE 1) THOMAS KENT REPORTS ON BREZHNEV 25TH CONGRESS SPEECH, ITS PLEDGE TO CONTINUE DETENTE WITH WEST AND ITS ATTACK ON PEKING AS WAR PROVOKER.
9. CSM (FEBRUARY 23 - PAGE 4) ELIZABETH DREW REPORTS SOVIET ECONOMIC DRAFT PLAN GENERATES MORE IDEAS.
10. CSM (FEBRUARY 23 - PAGE 21) BILL KIRTZ REPORTS FROM BOSTON THAT PAUL NITZE WARNS U.S. MUST KEEP MILITARY PACE WITH SOVIET OR "WE'RE PLAYING WITH GRAVE DANGER TO OURSELVES AND THE WORLD". KISSINGER

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